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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN VISA APPLICATION OF AMCIT SERGIO BLUM

1. AMCIT MR. SERGIO BLUM, 102/30 66TH ROAD, FOREST HILLS, NY, CONTACTED DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 24 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A ROMANIAN VISA. MR. BLUM IS A TRAVEL AGENT WHO, HE SAYS, HAS DONE GOOD BUSINESS WITH ROMANIA BUT HAS BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY BY ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HE CANNOT "NOW" RECEIVE A VISA, NO REASON GIVEN. BLUM, A FREQUENT VISITOR IN RECENT YEARS, WAS MOST RECENTLY IN BUCHAREST A MONTH AGO AND WISHES TO RETURN FOR BUSINESS REASONS IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

2. BLUM WAS BORN IN ROMANIA BUT LEFT LEGALLY IN 1966. HE HAS RENOUNCED HIS ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP. HE CLAIMS HE HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS WITH HIS ROMANIAN BUSINESS COUNTERPARTS AND IS AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN THIS CURRENT DIFFICULTY.

3. WE HAVE ADVISED BLUM NOT TO TRY TO OBTAIN A VISA AT OTOPENI AIRPORT UNTIL HIS SITUATION IS CLARIFIED. WE HAVE ALSO ADVISED HIM TO FILE A FORMAL VISA APPLICATION WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY HERE. WE WILL QUERY ROMANIAN EMBASSY, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY BUCHAREST ENQU RY ON

BEHALF OF BLUM.

4. BLUM CLAIMS HE IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF CONSUL PERKINS. KISSINGER

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